

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1 - 4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) A liquid filling apparatus comprising:

an ~~inkjet~~ discharge head having a cavity for storing liquid, a nozzle communicated with the cavity, and a discharge device for discharging liquid stored in the cavity through the nozzle;

a liquid supply section which supplies the liquid to the nozzle of the ~~discharge~~inkjet head by contacting the liquid with the nozzle; and

a suction device connected to a cavity side of the ~~discharge~~inkjet head, which draws liquid supplied from the liquid supply section to inside the cavity, by suction from the nozzle via the cavity.

6. (Currently Amended) A liquid filling apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the ~~discharge~~inkjet head has a reservoir which stores liquid on a side of the cavity opposite the nozzle, and an opening and closing valve is provided between the cavity and the reservoir for opening and closing a channel therebetween.

7. (Currently Amended) A liquid filling apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the ~~discharge~~inkjet head has a reservoir which stores liquid on a side of the

cavity opposite the nozzle, and the reservoir has a pressurizing device for pressurizing the cavity.

8. (Currently Amended) A discharge apparatus comprising:
the liquid filling apparatus according to claim 5; and
a moving mechanism for moving the ~~discharge~~inkjet head of the liquid filling apparatus.

9. (New) A liquid filling apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the cavity comprises a plurality of cavities, and the plurality of cavities are formed integrally.

10. (New) A liquid filling apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the inkjet head comprises a reservoir which stores liquid on a side of the cavity opposite the nozzle and a channel between the cavity and the reservoir, and the cavity, reservoir, and the channel are formed integrally.

11. (New) A liquid filling apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the inkjet head has a reservoir which stores liquid on a side of the cavity opposite the nozzle, the cavity comprises a plurality of cavities, and the plurality of cavities are shared by the reservoir.

12. (New) A liquid filling apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the nozzle is a hole provided on a surface of the inkjet head.